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ber or December in open weather, and it will require no other care afterwards but keeping the ground clear from weeds till the autumn of the following year, when all the plants but one of the finest in each square may be taken up, which if wanted will serve to form other beds set the same distance apart. The ground in the intervals of the plants should be dug in the spring and fall of the year, taking care not to injure the plants. The leaves should be left on the plants till they fall off naturally, which will not in general be sooner than the latter end of November. In the autumn of the second year the same attention should be paid to the plants, and to remove the dead leaves.

In the third year, about the middle or latter end of November, when the leaves have been cleared away, and the ground dug, each plant should be covered over close with a tub, pan, a heap of small stones, coarse cinders, or coarse bark raised about ten or twelve inches over the crown of each plant, and, from about the latter end of February, to the latter end of March, the plants will be very fine and fit for use. I prefer that which has been bleached with our round sea-gravel, about the size of large peas or beans, to any other mode whatever. The plants should be cut but once in a year, as cutting it oftener, weakens and lessens the size of the plants. If it is not desired to have the plants large, they

may be bleached and cut, a year sooner.

"I have sent a specimen of the sandy soil in which it grows naturally here, as I think the generality of gardeners are too careful, and manure the ground too highly for it. In the month of April last, after cutting my plants, I covered the ground all over, at least six inches above the crown of the plants, with this earth: they soon shot up through it, and never looked finer or produced a larger quantity of good seed than that year.

"I am thus particular in order to show that this vegetable will succeed as well, if not better, in poor ground than in rich, provided the soil be dry, and care taken in the management; I speak from long experience, having been well acquainted with the management of this valuable plant from my youth. When I cut the sea kale for use, I immediately draw up the earth with a trowel, so as completely to cover the whole of the plant; this I fancy makes them grow more luxuriantly. This plant if properly managed, is superior to asparagus, and if more is cut than wanted for immediate use, it will keep for some days in a pan of cold water, but of course it cannot be better than when recently cut. It precedes the use of asparagus, being ready for the table in February and March."

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